

Appl. No. : 10/015,086
Amendment Dated : June 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action of : December 2, 2004

Atty. Docket No. 112222.128 US1

REMARKS

On April 25, 2005, applicants submitted a Reply to Final Office Action with a Notice of Appeal. On May 10, 2005, applicants received an Advisory Action in which the Examiner stated that the amendments submitted on April 25, 2005 would not be entered. Here applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and a newly amended set of claims. Applicants respectfully request entry and reconsideration of this newly amended set of claims.

Claims 1 and 3-36 are pending. In the Final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, claims 1, 3-11, 25-27, 29, and 31-36 were rejected by the Examiner under U.S.C. §102 and/or 103 as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0049193 (Golecki et al.). Claims 22-24 and 30 were allowed. Claims 12-21 and 28 were objected to, but the Examiner stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim.


With this response, claims 1, 3-21, 25-29, and 31-36 are cancelled. Claims 12-21 and 28 have been cancelled and rewritten in independent form as newly added claims 37-81, in order to overcome the Examiner's objection. After the amendments herein, claims 22-24, 30, and 37-81 are pending in the application. No new matter is added by amendment. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims place the claims in condition for allowance. A favorable Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Request for Continued Examination fee of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. However, if there are any other charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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